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Judge Finds University of Rochester Student Not Guilty in Deadly Frat Stabbing

Prosecutor: "Victim was a Great Asset to our Society"

Monroe County Court Judge John DeMarco ruled that Daren Venable acted in self-defense when he stabbed Jeffrey Bordeaux during a fight at a fraternity party the night of January 15, 2011.

DeMarco acquitted Venable of second degree murder and said he did not consider the lesser charge of manslaughter in this case.

Assistant District Attorney Ray Benitez says, "This is the decision of the court and we have to respect it. While I disagree with it, I accept the judge's decision and so will the victim's family."

Venable and Bordeaux were both 20 years old, both in their third year of school at the University of Rochester. The fight between them that night erupted over Bordeaux's ex-girlfriend, who had begun dating Venable.

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